



United States
National Commission on
Libraries and Information Science

TAB D

**U.S. National Commission on Libraries
and Information Science**

**Minutes
July 12 and 14, 1989**

Commissioners Present: Daniel H. Carter, Daniel W. Casey, Lee Edwards, Wanda L. Forbes, George H. Nash, Charles E. Reid, Elinor H. Swaim, Barbara H. Taylor, Sally Jo Vasicko, Julia Li Wu, Chairman Emeritus Elinor M. Hashim, Vice Chairman Emeritus Bessie B. Moore, and Jerald C. Newman, Presiding

Staff Present: James R. Benn, Robert E. Dugan, Susan K. Martin, Jane D. McDuffie, Mary Alice Reszetar, Christina C. Young

Guests Present: Joanne Harrar, University of Maryland; Peyton R. Neal, PRN Associates; Gerald J. Sophar, ICLIS; Florence Stanley, LVA; Esther C. Toms, LVA; Christie D. Vernon, ALA

**MEETING
CONVENES**

Chairman Jerald C. Newman called the July 12, 1989 meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science to order at 2:40 p.m.

**MOTION
MINUTES**

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Julia Wu to approve the Minutes of the April 13-14, 1989 Commission meeting with the following change:

Page 1, "Commissioners Present" - Add Bessie B. Moore, Vice Chairman Emeritus.

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**

White House Conference on Library and Information Services - Chairman Newman announced that President Bush signed the Dire Emergency Supplemental appropriation bill H.R. 2402, PL 101-45, which provides \$1,750,000 for the initial funding for the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS). Mr. Newman expressed his appreciation to Commissioners and NCLIS staff for their assistance in getting information about the bill disseminated.

Mr. Newman also recognized the efforts of Senator Tom Harkin (IA), who actively promoted the passage of the bill.

SLA Meeting - The Chairman attended the Special Libraries Association annual meeting in New York and remarked that the agenda and attendance were very good.

New York Institute of Technology - Mr. Newman informed Commissioners that he has been in contact with a representative from the New York Institute of Technology regarding the video on local governance, which the NCLIS Governance Committee is developing. (See Governance Committee Report for an in-depth report.)

Pat Berger's Remarks - Chairman Newman cited and took exception to two inaccuracies in a speech given and printed by the new President of the American Library Association, Pat Berger. Referring to her error in reporting that the Commission approved of the FBI Awareness Program, Mr. Newman stated that her remark was incorrect. Mr. Newman qualified Ms. Berger's statement by explaining that, as

a result of the FBI's presentation during a NCLIS closed session, the Commission took neither a negative nor positive position relative to the FBI presentation; the Commission has been and continues to remain neutral.

Further, Ms. Berger remarked that "...it was sad and shocking that the National Commission did not take any position on the Salman Rushdie affair." Mr. Newman corrected Ms. Berger's remarks by stating that during the Commission's Senate hearing before Senator Harkin on March 17, 1989, he stated that the Commission was very much opposed to the Khomeini regime position relative to Salman Rushdie, as well as other outrages of the regime. Mr. Newman also stated that as a result of NCLIS staff nonperformance, a press release on the Rushdie affair had not been published. Mr. Newman plans to send a letter to Ms. Berger, with copies forwarded to library journals.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NCLIS Research Associate - Dr. Martin introduced James E. (Jim) Benn as NCLIS' newest employee. Mr. Benn, formerly with the Connecticut State Library, joined the Commission staff as Research Associate on July 11. Mr. Benn will focus primarily on legislative matters.

Dr. Martin pointed out that with Mr. Benn's appointment it is the first time in four years that the Commission has been fully staffed.

NCLIS Exhibit - Dr. Martin reported that the exhibit displayed by NCLIS at the ALA meeting had a strong impact and was very well received. Featured at the booth were NCLIS Annual Reports, brochures about the Federal/State Cooperative System for public library data, and Hypertext software that introduced library issues, intended for the White House Conference process. Dr. Martin approximated that 1,000 persons visited the booth, which was manned at various times by six NCLIS staff members.

Meetings - Commissioner Carter voiced concern that Commission staff are not informing Commissioners of library and information science meetings. Staff was asked to generate and

send Commissioners a calendar listing all meetings.

Executive Director's Administrative Report - Commissioner Carter asked Dr. Martin to furnish a written administrative report each quarter. The report will be part of the Executive Director's Report in the Commission meeting notebook.

**BESSIE B.
MOORE HONORED**

Commissioner Reid apprised Members of an award presented to NCLIS Vice Chairman Emeritus Bessie B. Moore by the American Library Association for sixty years of library participation.

**COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Newman appointed Commissioner Swaim as Chairman of the Recognition Award Committee.

**PHELAN
RESIGNATION**

Mr. Newman announced the resignation of Commissioner Margaret Phelan.

**RECOGNITION
AWARD COMMIT-
TEE REPORT**

On behalf of the Recognition Award Committee Commissioner Swaim encouraged Commission Members to become "ambassadors" in talking about the annual NCLIS award. She reminded Commissioners that two awards will be presented in April 1990: one to an individual and one to a corporation. Mrs. Swaim reported that publicity about the award will be mailed during the next month, with a deadline of January 15 for accepting applications. She reminded Commissioners that they may also present nominations. Mrs. Swaim stated that the Committee strongly recommends that the award be scheduled each year during the Commission's April meeting in Washington, D.C. in a similar fashion to the April 1989 function at the Library of Congress.

**NCLIS PRESS
RELEASE BANNER**

Commissioner Carter suggested that the NCLIS News Release banner be prefaced with the words United States or U.S.

In order to update the NCLIS mailing list, Mr. Carter asked Mrs. McDuffie to furnish Commissioners with names and addresses of each Commissioner's local media currently included on the NCLIS mailing list.

**AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON
INDIAN LIBRARY
SERVICES REPORT**

Commissioner Charles Reid, Chairman of the NCLIS Ad Hoc Committee on Indian Library Services, distributed draft minutes from the July 6 Interagency/Association Indian Task Force meeting hosted by NCLIS and attended by representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Education, National Congress of American Indians, U.S. Census Bureau, American Indian Library Association and the American Library Association. He remarked that the Task Force was well received by participants and the Commission has already received recognition from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Congress of American Indians.

**MOTION
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

MOVED by Charles Reid, seconded by Daniel Carter to accept the following recommendations put forth by the NCLIS Ad Hoc Committee on Indian Library Services:

- o Distribute a press release announcing the efforts and results of the Interagency/Association Task Force, stressing the coordinated effort and enthusiasm of the participants with particular emphasis on concern for literacy programs and the special commitment by NCLIS to Indian library services.
- o Designate Mary Alice Reszetar as Program Officer and liaison to the Task Force.
- o Appoint Dr. Lotsee Patterson of Oklahoma as consultant to the Task Force in areas of research and communication, subject to the availability of funds.
- o Give authority to the Task Force to communicate to various agencies and associations requesting formal participation and detailing of staff from these agencies to work on/for the Task Force.
- o Send a questionnaire to each agency/association or person to identify specific areas of responsibilities, interest, and funding toward the provision of library and information services to Native Americans.

- o Make available to Task Force participants the transcript of hearings held in New Mexico.
- o Convene, prior to the next NCLIS Commission meeting, a one-two day seminar/workshop of the Task Force.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carter thanked staff for sending Commissioners a copy of Frankie Pelzman's article (Wilson Library Bulletin, April 1989) on the Commission's visit to Sante Fe. He also emphasized that the hearing and panel presentation should be printed post haste, with enough copies to trigger distribution to depository libraries.

OTA HEARING

NCLIS Research Associate Robert E. Dugan summarized the procedure that will be followed for the July 13, 1989 NCLIS-sponsored hearing on OTA's report Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age. Commissioner Casey commended Mr. Dugan for his work on the Hearing.

DR. JOANNE HARRAR

Mr. Newman introduced Dr. Joanne Harrar, Director of the McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland. Dr. Harrar expressed her pleasure at being invited to speak to the Commissioners, and distributed a packet of information about the University and its library system. Dr. Harrar informed Commissioners that:

- o the University of Maryland is the seventh largest university in the United States;
- o the student population exceeds 36,000;
- o there are 2,600 faculty members;
- o over two million volumes are handled by seven libraries on eleven university campuses;
- o the University of Maryland College Park Libraries constitute the largest university research library system in the Washington-metropolitan area;

- o major grants have been received from the Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities;
- o the online computer catalog is available nationwide;
- o among the university libraries' outstanding resources are:
 - the International Piano Archives: a major center for the study, appreciation, and preservation of the recordings of great performances;
 - the National Trust for Historic Preservation: a major national resource center serving the community of individuals and organizations dedicated to historic preservation;
 - the Maryland Room: a center for Maryland studies;
 - the Technical Reports Center: offers one of the most outstanding reports collections in the U.S.;
 - The Gordon W. Prange Collection of Japanese-language publications, 1945-1949: over a million items in the most comprehensive single collection in the world of Japanese publications for the immediate postwar years;
 - U.S. Patent Depository Library: holdings are complete from 1790 to the present;
 - Government Documents/Maps Room: McKeldin Library is the only full federal depository library for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia;
 - Nonprint Media Services: the central location for audiovisual materials in the library system and campus;
- o the biggest problem for the university as well as other research libraries is funding;

- o approximately 50% of the library's budget is spent on serials.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Lee Edwards, Chairman of the International Committee, informed Members that he will meet in London with representatives from Canada, Britain and the United States regarding the impact of the Glenerin Declaration in the respective countries. The meeting will focus on the implementation of the recommendations. Dr. Edwards commended Chris Young for preparing an excellent memorandum on education and literacy, which will be used to inform the Glenerin participants of literacy activities in this country.

Dr. Edwards stated that the Commission has a continuing responsibility to implement ICSOC grants through the State Department. The State Department has provided NCLIS with \$170,000 in FY 1989, which the Commission is awarding to eight organizations to carry out various technical information projects.

Commissioner Edwards has been invited to speak at the upcoming IFLA meeting in Paris on "The U.S. and UNESCO, Is It Time to Rejoin?"

Dr. Edwards also reported that an International Federation for Documentation (FID) workshop will be held in Budapest, Hungary. NCLIS was invited to be a co-sponsor at a cost of \$2,000. The NCLIS International Committee concluded that the Commission's budget cannot support the monetary requirement involved, and although the workshop is useful, it is too general for the Commission to be involved in as a co-sponsor. Dr. Edwards further explained that certain bilateral relationships can be established at the conference with regard to libraries in Hungary, and also to the information science community in Budapest. Mr. Edwards and Chairman Newman plan to attend the workshop to represent NCLIS. Mr. Edwards asked the Budget and Finance Committee to consider funding up to \$1500 for two participants to attend the workshop.

The Commission co-sponsored a workshop in Singapore on Information Technology. NCLIS Executive Director Susan Martin attended the

workshop and reported that the meeting was funded in part through the State Department ICSOC grants. Ching-Cheh Chen, a member of the faculty at Simmons College, was the conference organizer. This was the second such conference and the second time State Department funds were used to partially support the Conference. Approximately 250 participants from Southeast Asia, Australia, and the Far East attended. Dr. Martin represented NCLIS, presented a paper, and chaired a session. She remarked that the conference was very well done.

Dr. Edwards reported that Commissioner Wu has been in contact with representatives from the Republic of Taiwan. An invitation has been extended to Commission Members to visit Taiwan in January 1990. Members would travel at their own expense on a cultural visit to make appropriate contact with university faculty members and librarians; no formal conference or seminar is planned. Dr. Edwards endorsed the concept and asked the Commission to do the same.

Dr. Edwards offered an edited resolution, drafted by Julia Wu, regarding the democracy movement and crack-down by the Peoples Republic of China's Army and communist party. Supporting the democracy movement of Chinese students and deploring the Chinese government's brutal suppression, Dr. Edwards submitted the following resolution for consideration by the Commission:

WHEREAS, two million Chinese students peacefully gathered in Tiananmen Square in Beijing and in other major cities in China, calling for political reforms and democracy;

WHEREAS, this model demonstration for democratic change generated wide moral support from nations around the world;

WHEREAS, it is commendable that the Chinese people are trying to achieve what our forefathers did two hundred years ago as articulated in the Declaration of Independence, and;

WHEREAS, the Goddess of Democracy of the students, their version of our Statue of Liberty, symbolized that the Chinese people's determination to achieve liberty and democracy, and;

WHEREAS, Chinese armored forces moved into Beijing to crack down on the student's demonstration leading to a tragic human massacre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCLIS pays tribute to the Chinese people and their courageous pursuit of freedom and democracy and deplores the Chinese government's cold-blooded suppression and brutality aimed at the students and people in Tiananmen Square in China;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCLIS calls on President Bush and the U.S. Congress to take further and appropriate action to further the democracy movement in China.

The draft resolution provoked a lengthy discussion during which Commissioner Reid declared his acceptance of the resolution in principle, after further editing.

Commissioner Carter issued a caution and suggested that NCLIS should use the same amount of restraint that the Administration has exercised, further stating that there is no sufficient evidence of what actually took place other than what the media has presented. Mr. Carter opined that a resolution of this order is premature, and should not reflect any position different from what the Administration is providing.

Commissioner Taylor suggested prefacing the resolution with the words, "Independent Members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and"

Commissioner Reid agreed with Mr. Carter's position.

Dr. Edwards remarked that the American Library Association passed a resolution, which speaks directly to such questions as free expression, free flow of information, suppression of information, and other similar language.

Dr. Edwards commented that after studying the subject, he is convinced that a massacre did occur. Dr. Edwards replied that the language, as suggested, is not as strong as that of the U.S. Congress, and further concludes that the Commission's position comes closer to the Administration's language and is consistent with NCLIS' concern about freedom of expression, free flow of information and democracy. Dr. Edwards suggested that after Commission endorsement, the President and Congress should receive copies of the resolution.

A decision was made to re-edit the resolution and present it for NCLIS endorsement during Friday's session.

Dr. Edwards informed Members that a discussion has taken place with Catholic University officials about hosting a Sino-American meeting or conference between library and other information professionals from Taiwan and American librarians and information professionals at the Catholic University campus some time in 1990.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Nash informed Members that the Governance Committee has been seeking ways to fund the preparation of a video tape that will demonstrate the usefulness of local libraries, both to the governors and the governed, for the purpose of improving local governance. Following Chairman Newman's remarks during the Chairman's report, Dr. Nash reiterated that contact has been made with a representative of the New York Institute of Technology, who expressed a strong interest in the Commission's proposal. Dr. Vasicko has also discussed the proposal with an official from the Institute. A proposal has been submitted to the President of the New York Institute of Technology, who is a personal acquaintance of Chairman Newman. Chairman Newman may soon meet with the President of the Institute. If the Institute does respond affirmatively, Dr. Vasicko plans to meet with representatives in New York City to exercise initial oversight

in getting the project launched. Dr. Nash informed Members that the quality of products that emanate from the New York Institute of Technology are superb.

**MEETING
RECESSED**

The meeting recessed at 5:50 p.m.

Friday, July 14, 1989

**MEETING
RECONVENED**

Vice Chairman Edwards reconvened the meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science at 9:10 a.m.

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Dr. Nash stated that the Legislative Committee held a lengthy meeting regarding the great amount of recent legislative activity. He summarized the Committee's discussions, conclusions and recommendations as follows:

Technical Amendments to NCLIS Public Law 91-345 - Commission staff are looking for a suitable legislative vehicle in the Congress before the end of the Fiscal year to attach the technical amendment. If the amendments do not go through before September 30, NCLIS' cap remains at \$750,000 for another fiscal year.

National Policy on Permanent Paper and Alkaline Acid Free Paper - In January NCLIS formally endorsed a National Policy on Permanent Paper and Alkaline Acid Free Paper. At the Commission's April 13 meeting the proceedings were furthered by specifically endorsing Senate Joint Resolution 57 and House Joint Resolution 226, identical resolutions proposed by Senator Pell and Representative Williams, respectively. NCLIS urged that one change be made in the joint resolutions, namely that NCLIS be included in the monitoring function in Sec. 3 of the resolution. On April 27, Chairman Newman informed Senator Pell and Representative Williams of the Commission's position. The status at this time has been geared toward obtaining co-sponsors, particularly in the Senate (there are now 47 co-sponsors). On May 4, the issue arose in a hearing of a House subcommittee chaired by Rep. Jim Bates, at which Sen. Pell testified in behalf of his own resolution. Librarian of Congress James Billington and others testified

in support of acid free paper. Although the resolution has not been subjected to a formal committee process, the Senate Government Affairs Committee is ready to report out the resolution without hearings; Senator Pell's staff expects it to pass without objection. The only problem from the Commission's point of view is that under the particular structure of events, it would probably pass without an amendment, thus the Senate version would not include the particular amendment NCLIS recommends. NCLIS staff are exploring the possibility of having the language changed in the House version so a reconciliation of the language would occur in order to obtain the particular objective the Commission desires. The resolution is gaining wide support and seems slated for early adoption on the Senate side. The NCLIS Legislative Committee propose that the Commission keep visible and active in this area in the following ways:

- o Chairman Newman write a letter to Rep. Bates notifying him of the Commission's resolution and April endorsement of the Joint Resolution;
- o Chairman Newman write a similar letter of information to Sen. Wendell Ford, who is Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing.

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Daniel Carter to send letters to Representative Bates and Senator Ford notifying them of the Commission's January 1989 resolution and April 1989 endorsement of the Joint Resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Paperwork Reduction Act - The OMB resolution from January has been rescinded with a revised statement issued in June asking for additional comments by August 15. The NCLIS Legislative Committee suggests that the Commission respond to the June announcement with a short statement of support and commendation.

**MOTION
OMB'S REVISED
STATEMENT**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Julia Wu that the Commission respond to OMB's June statement by having the Chairman of NCLIS forward a letter of response commending OMB

for its responsiveness to comments received on its January statement and for its declaration of basic federal information principles contained in the document.

Motion carried unanimously.

LSCA Amendments of 1989 - Background: the bill, which is actively being considered, is a rudimentary extension of the LSCA for the next five years. The basic Act is being left in place but with some amendments, most of which are technical. The bill is likely to pass quickly. The Administration, in its January budget package, proposed a very different approach, namely the Library Services Improvement Act (originally developed last year and introduced by then-Sen. Quayle, but has not been introduced formally this year). There is no official White House stance on the bill. The NCLIS Committee suggests that, without endorsing the bill specifically or the particular amendments, it would represent the position of the Commission properly to say that NCLIS welcomes the continuity being provided as a basis for a wider review of all library legislation in the forthcoming White House Conference.

**MOTION
LSCA
AMENDMENTS**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Charles Reid to accept the following resolution pertaining to the LSCA amendments:

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science has taken note of the proposed Library Services and Construction Act of 1989 now under consideration in Congress. Without endorsing any specific features of this still evolving legislation, the Commission considers the renewal of the Library Services and Construction Act at this time as a means of providing continuity in our nation's library legislation on the eve of the forthcoming second White House Conference on Library and Information Services. The Commission hopes that the comprehensive reappraisal of library policy which is about to begin will result in an

improvement of the legislative framework affecting our nation's libraries.

Motion carried; one opposed (Daniel Carter).

Chairman Newman asked Dr. Martin to open the lines of communication with Secretary Cavazos' (Secretary of Education) office, to request that the Commission be placed on the cycle of his communiques.

The Chairman also suggested the creation of a short form to be used to: (a) log proposals; (b) show an intent; (c) state what the staff thinks about it; (d) circulate a one-page summary to all Members (those who are interested can request the whole report).

INFORMATION AGE COMMITTEE REPORT Daniel Carter, Chairman of the Information Age Committee, reported that:

- o Since the Commission last met the Information Age Task Force has held two meetings. The first meeting, April 20, was attended by 25 people from 23 organizations. The critique of the meeting was less than satisfactory, although some objectives were achieved. The participants did not like the concept of the matrix.
- o The second meeting, June 19, was attended by 12 people from 12 organizations. A consensus on how to proceed was established. The following objective statement was developed:

"The objective of this effort is to collect and evaluate information pertinent to the impact of information technology on individuals and society; to make determinations of how to maximize the benefits of these technologies; and to define in commonly understood terms the issues, potential solutions, and courses of action that can help address them."

- o A consensus was also reached on the methodology by which the effort will proceed. Firstly, the issues, problems and opportunities will be defined. Those definitions will be refined to assure

that the task force understands what they are and what they mean. The issues will then be validated in five different areas: (1) education; (2) library; (3) home; (4) government; and (5) business.

- o Representatives from four of the five areas attended the second meeting (there was no representative from the home/consumer position). Subsequent to the second meeting, Mary Gardner Jones agreed to attend future meetings to represent the home/consumer.
- o The term "information technology" has been defined as "technologies used in transmitting, storing, and processing information in an electronic format."
- o At the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 14, members will submit a list of issues, problems and opportunities. The lists will be consolidated and refined as appropriate to make a first pass at the 20 percent/ 80 percent rule (identifying the 20 issues; problems that represent 80 percent of the difficulties). Rank order will not take place at that time. Members will be asked to transmit those ideas to their constituents in the five areas, and ask for a validation of ideas they think are good. They will be processed in rank order at the next meeting.
- o After the next meeting the Committee will make a determination to develop remedial thoughts regarding these issues and problems.
- o Vice Chairman Edwards commended Commissioner Carter for his fortitude in proceeding with this project.

Commissioner Carter thanked and acknowledged Bob Dugan's assistance and contribution to the committee.

**SCHOOL
MEDIA**

Wanda Forbes, speaking on behalf of the School Media Committee, briefed Commissioners on the recent NCLIS/AASL Symposium on School Libraries, held April 14-16 in Leesburg, Virginia. Attending from the Commission were Commissioners Forbes, Wu, Swaim, Nash and Edwards, NCLIS Executive Director Sue Martin and Research Associates Chris Young and Bob Dugan. Sixty-two participants took part in the symposium.

Mrs. Forbes extended thanks to Mrs. Young for successfully engineering the symposium, and to the Commissioners for supporting the concept from its inception. She paid particular thanks to Commissioner Casey for enlisting the financial support of Gaylord Bros.

Mrs. Forbes stated that positive feedback has been received about the symposium.

Commissioner Forbes distributed a draft report that included a wrap-up of the list of recommendations and a list of the participants. The plenary committee agreed that the report should be sent immediately to all organizations whose representatives were invited to the symposium. The organizations will be asked to endorse and implement the recommendations.

Commissioner Wu commended Wanda Forbes for "her strong leadership and continuous effort in launching the school library media program." Mrs. Wu related the origin of the School Library Symposium (an effort that started in the early 1970's). She proposed that information literacy remain a high priority on the Commission's program. She further stated that there is a need to explain the program and include adult literacy and community college libraries for incorporation into the White House Conference program.

Commissioner Swaim noted that many high-level officials attended the symposium. She stated that it is the Commission's obligation to produce white papers and identify long-range

goals in particular areas of interest. Commissioner Carter recommended that NCLIS identify, select and initiate some of the action items for further development of the recommendations from the symposium.

Chairman Newman remarked that because of its valuable purpose, he would like the continuity of the symposium proceed by conducting another symposium provided accomplishment has been achieved within the next year. He applauded the efforts of Commissioners Forbes, Wu and Swaim for their work on the symposium.

Commissioner Carter recognized the following grantors who made the symposium was possible: the Council on Library Resources (CLR), \$20,000; Gaylord Bros., Inc. \$5,000; and OCLC, \$500.

Chairman Newman recommended that the grantors receive a copy of the report, be advised of the Commission's intentions to continue the program and, at the same time, ask for their future support.

Commissioner Carter suggested that the Commission purchase a camcorder to record important events such as the symposium.

**WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE ON
LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION
SERVICES
REPORT**

Commissioner Daniel Casey, Chairman of the NCLIS White House Conference Committee, briefed Commissioners on the WHC II Committee meeting. He distributed applications for membership to WHCLIST (White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce), and an article produced by ALA on "Funding for the WHCLIS II."

Commissioner Casey praised Chairman Newman's efforts in carrying out the Commission's responsibility to advise the Congress and White House about the pending legislation to support a second White House Conference.

Associate Director Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar read the statement from the Dire Emergency Supplemental Act which enabled partial funds to be disbursed for the second White House

Conference. Mrs. Reszetar pointed out that questions about the Conference were asked during House and Senate hearings. She said that it is important to note that Congress has the information it needs, and more importantly, is on record in the form of testimony for a six-million dollar request.

Mrs. Reszetar acknowledged the efforts of WHCLIST and the Commission for their assistance in obtaining Congressional support.

A ruling by the Congress on when the \$1.75 million must be spent is imminent.

The NCLIS WHC Committee asked Chairman Newman to write to the governors and mayors of the 57 political units involved in the White House Conference, asking them to organize pre-White House Conference activities. Information copies of the letters should be sent to information service associations; local library groups in each state; State Librarians; associations of libraries, trustees and friends; and WHCLIST. Chairman Newman stated that copies of the letter will also be forwarded to state labor leaders, and the President's of the State Chambers of Commerce.

The Committee also recommends that the WHC Advisory Committee meet in Washington to determine policy in the following areas:

- (1) delegate selection (how many from each state)
- (2) graphics
- (3) exhibit space
- (4) foreign visitors
- (5) fund raising activities
- (6) theme papers

Mr. Casey emphasized the importance of including the information community, noting there are over 800 leading private sector companies that are involved in the spectrum of the information industry.

**WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Commissioner Carter, Chairman of the White House Conference Advisory Committee, advised Commissioners that the second meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 3. Agenda items will include subcommittee reports, state funding and grants, and new business.

Mr. Carter informed Members that the initial budgets prepared for fiscal years 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992 on a "phase" time basis were not acceptable to OMB and the Appropriations Committee. New budget documents for the aforementioned fiscal years have been constructed in graph form.

Support will be made available to states as they qualify, upon the preparation and submittal of applications. Mr. Carter declared that there must be a coordination of effort at the local level among the four entities that are described in the law that must be represented.

Mr. Carter asked Commissioners to endorse a Policy, Purpose and Determination of NCLIS Re White House Conference Objectives Statement to the Advisory Committee:

- (1) State level activities are to be structured to provide an objective, understanding of users and recipients wants;
- (2) There must be no platform for providers, information professionals or political entities to articulate their policies, programs or ambitions;
- (3) This entire process is to be oriented towards understanding the wants of the users/recipients and the generation of solutions to meet the properly defined problems;
- (4) This White House Conference will be oriented towards the wants of the users, not those of the providers, the information professionals or other entities, associations or organizations.

With a wording change from "users/recipients" to "users/consumers," and the addition of language which states "within the areas of literacy, democracy, and productivity," the Commission endorsed the four statements as read by Mr. Carter.

Mr. Carter informed Members that Dr. Charles McClure from Syracuse University will be invited to the next White House Conference Advisory Committee meeting to add emphasis to statements he made during NCLIS' Hearing on OTA's report Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age," July 13, 1989.

Mr. Carter distributed a copy of the White House Conference Advisory Committee Charter, and a memo from John Parsons, describing the status of search for space/facilities for the White House Conference.

**NATIONAL
LIBRARY CARD
SIGN UP MONTH
REPORT**

Research Associate Chris Young briefed Commissioners on the history of the National Library Card Campaign, recalling the Commission's involvement in launching the official start of the Campaign on the Mall in October 1987.

Mrs. Young advised Members that a joint bill is before both Houses of Congress designating September 1989 as National Library Card Sign Up Month. The bill was presented in the House by Representative Owens (NY), and in the Senate by Senator D'Amato (NY) (copies of both resolutions were distributed). Mrs. Young pointed out that the Commission is specifically mentioned in the bill.

**MOTION
NATIONAL
LIBRARY
CAMPAIGN
SIGN UP
MONTH**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Julia Wu that the Commission support and endorse the designation of September as National Library Card Sign Up Month as presented in the resolutions currently pending in the House and Senate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Young also informed Commissioners that NCLIS has been invited to participate in an event "A Night of a Thousand Stars," which will take place Wednesday, April 25, 1990.

Mrs. Young reminded Members that the Commission has scheduled its April meeting during the same time period in Washington, D.C.

The "read aloud" event will take place in libraries nationally, with prominent citizens taking part by reading in their public libraries. Mrs. Bush has been asked to be Honorary Chairman of the event, and will read to children at the Library of Congress.

Mrs. Young advised Commissioners that the exact role of the Commission has not yet been determined. Chairman Newman stated that if the Commission does not have a definitive part to play at the Library of Congress, it would be more important for Commissioners to participate in the event at their local libraries. As soon as it is determined what the Commission's function will be at the Library of Congress, a decision will be made on whether to hold the April 1990 meeting in Washington as planned, or reschedule, thus allowing Commissioners to participate in their own areas.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONS

Dr. Martin described a now-defunct Directory of Selected Associations and Informal Groups in the Library/Information Field that the Commission published in the early 1980's.

Dr. Martin noted that the publication, proved to be very popular and has been requested again. She asked the Commission's permission to republish the directory, possibly to be sold at cost.

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Lee Edwards that NCLIS reinstitute the publication of the Directory of Selected Associations and Informal Groups in the Library/Information Field.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM
REVIEW COM-
MITTEE REPORT**

Sally Jo Vasicko, Chairman of the Program Review Committee, reported on the committee's meeting, stating that the committee looked at some new areas for the next fiscal year:

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Commissioner Interest</u> |
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| 1. Special populations; immigrant population | Julia Wu |
| 2. How to determine and measure how libraries are used | Daniel Carter, Lee Edwards, Elinor Swain |
| 3. Serial prices | George Nash |
| 4. How the Commission can share what it is doing more completely with the rest of the world, vis a vis participating in national programs (ALA, SLA, etc.) | Lee Edwards, Sally Jo Vasicko |
| 5. Facilitate cooperation and communication among stakeholders re federal information policy issues | Lee Edwards |
| 6. Research as it relates to policy; prepare white papers | |

In preparing for the budget and November Commission meeting, the Program Review Committee asked NCLIS staff to look into the following:

1. Identify the stakeholders (#5 above) and hold a meeting in Washington, D.C. re issues. Develop approaches/principles in the sense of their response on what the issues are and how they would like to see them resolved.
2. Continue to look at special populations, i.e. Indians. Examine the immigration issue, and the role of the alien as the new citizen.
3. Investigate the issue of research availability at certain kinds of libraries and what is happening to some documents.

4. Assess the value and approach of measuring the value in the sense of quality versus quantity of library services.
5. Determine ways in which the Commission can participate in national programs and meetings.

By consensus, the Commission asked NCLIS staff to go forward with the Program Review Committee's request.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Mr. Carter referred to a June 12, 1989 memo prepared by John Parsons re the status of space for the 1991 White House Conference. Mr. Carter cited two potential meeting sites: (1) Washington, D.C. Convention Center; (2) Shoreham Hotel complex. Accommodations are available on the following basis:

Shoreham/Washington Sheraton/Washington Hilton: First option available August 23-28, 1991. These dates overlap with the August 23-24 IFLA meeting.

Washington, D.C. Convention Center: First options available August 23-31, 1991 and July 1-14, 1991. Second options available September 15-20, 1991 and June 9-19, 1991. A third option of September 1-14, 1991 is available, but interferes with a holiday and religious days.

Mr. Carter stated that the Convention Center offers more than adequate space, many nearby eating facilities and the availability to the Washington environment. The hotel complex presents transportation problems and does not offer an array of eating facilities.

The cost has not been determined for either facility.

A decision was made to reserve the Convention Center for the September dates, as long as it does not interfere with religious holidays.

Chairman Newman gave Mr. Carter authority to change plans by contracting with hotels if plans to use the Convention Center do not materialize.

**FUTURE
COMMISSION
MEETING
DATES/SITES**

The following dates and sites were selected for 1990 NCLIS meetings:

January 31-February 2 - Orlando, Florida
April 25-27 - Washington, D.C.
June 27-29 - Chicago, Illinois
October 9-11 - Boston, Massachusetts

Dates for the November 1989 Commission meeting in California were changed from November 7-10 to November 14-16. The meeting will be home-based in San Francisco, with events taking place in Oakland and Sacramento, California.

**BUDGET AND
FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Daniel Carter, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, distributed a revised, final financial report reflecting the status of the finances as of July 14, 1989, which include third quarter action.

Mr. Carter reported that the Commission remains in the black and intends to remain so. There are some negotiable aspects of the report that will show up in the fourth quarter. NCLIS is still involved in a debate with the Department of Education concerning the annual cost of services. NCLIS has offered to pay \$15,000, the amount of which has already been paid; the Department of Education has requested \$30,000. If the matter is not resolved favorably, an additional \$15,000 will be expended by NCLIS in the fourth quarter.

Mr. Carter stated that NCLIS agreed to pay the Department of Education \$30,000 two years ago. Dr. Martin indicated that services provided by the Department have been cut back severely in the past two years, therefore, an additional \$15,000 is not justified.

Mr. Carter referred to proposed budgets for fiscal years 1990, 1991, and a proposed budget for fiscal year 1991 with a freeze option. He explained that the budgets reflect very little opportunity for growth. NCLIS has proposed a budget of \$770,000 for fiscal year 1990.

BUDAPEST VISIT

Dr. Edwards requested approval for his and the Chairman's attendance at the Budapest Conference mentioned earlier during the International Committee Report (See International Committee Report).

Mr. Carter replied that Dr. Edwards' request fits within the NCLIS budget.

**PUBLIC
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Daniel Casey, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, publicly acknowledged and thanked Frankie Pelzman of the Wilson Library Bulletin for her articles about Commission activities.

Mr. Casey thanked Dr. Martin for the reorganization of public affairs/press releases. On behalf of the Public Affairs Committee, Mr. Casey asked Dr. Martin and Mr. Newman to increase Mrs. McDuffie's time to public affairs.

The Public Affairs Committee made the following recommendations:

- o that a brochure about the Commission be developed as a hand-out at various meetings and exhibits;
- o that the five-year old film about the Commission be reproduced.

The Commission agreed that it should pay for an updated brochure, possibly with a generic cover.

The Annual Report was submitted to the President and Congress in April. It is now being prepared for printing and should be ready for distribution by the middle of August.

The Commission newsletter will soon be a reality with the arrival of the MacIntosh, which has Desktop Publishing capability. Mrs. McDuffie plans to attend a training course on Desktop Publishing/Pagemaker.

**COMMITTEE
RESTRUCTURE**

Mrs. Wu asked Chairman Newman to look into the possibility of restructuring committees. Mr. Newman stated that he will take the request under consideration.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Lee Edwards to adjourn the meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science at 3:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the U. S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science will take place November 14-16, San Francisco, California.



United States
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MOTIONS AND ACTIONS
July 12 and 14, 1989

**MOTION
MINUTES**

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Julia Wu to approve the Minutes of the April 13-14, 1989 Commission meeting with the following change:

Page 1, "Commissioners Present" - Add Bessie B. Moore, Vice Chairman Emeritus.

**MOTION
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDA-
TIONS**

MOVED by Charles Reid, seconded by Daniel Carter to accept the following recommendations put forth by the NCLIS Ad Hoc Committee on Indian Library Services:

- o Distribute a press release announcing the efforts and results of the Interagency/ Association Task Force, stressing the coordinated effort and enthusiasm of the participants with particular emphasis on concern for literacy programs and the special commitment by NCLIS to Indian library services.
- o Designate Mary Alice Reszetar as Program Officer and liaison to the Task Force.
- o Appoint Dr. Lotsee Patterson of Oklahoma as consultant to the Task Force in areas of research and communication, subject to the availability of funds.
- o Give authority to the Task Force to communicate to various agencies and associations requesting formal participation and detailing of staff from these agencies to work on/for the Task Force.
- o Send a questionnaire to each agency/ association or person to identify specific areas of responsibilities, interest, and funding toward the provision of library and information services to Native Americans.

- o Make available to Task Force participants the transcript of hearings held in New Mexico.
- o Convene, prior to the next NCLIS Commission meeting, a one-two day seminar/workshop of the Task Force.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION
OMB'S REVISED
STATEMENT**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Julia Wu that the Commission respond to OMB's June statement by having the Chairman of NCLIS forward a letter of response commending OMB

for its responsiveness to comments received on its January statement and for its declaration of basic federal information principles contained in the document.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION
LSCA
AMENDMENTS**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Charles Reid to accept the following resolution pertaining to the LSCA amendments:

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science has taken note of the proposed Library Services and Construction Act of 1989 now under consideration in Congress. Without endorsing any specific features of this still evolving legislation, the Commission considers the renewal of the Library Services and Construction Act at this time as a means of providing continuity in our nation's library legislation on the eve of the forthcoming second White House Conference on Library and Information Services. The Commission hopes that the comprehensive reappraisal of library policy which is about to begin will result in an improvement of the legislative framework affecting our nation's libraries.

Motion carried; one opposed (Daniel Carter).

**MOTION
NATIONAL
LIBRARY
CAMPAIGN
SIGN UP
MONTH**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Julia Wu that the Commission support and endorse the designation of September as National Library Card Sign Up Month as presented in the resolutions currently pending in the House and Senate.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Lee Edwards that NCLIS reinstitute the publication of the Directory of Selected Associations and Informal Groups in the Library/Information Field.

Motion carried unanimously.